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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, UR

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY CALIFANO

1. AS YOU KNOW, HEALTH MINISTER PETROVSKY HAS INVITED ME
TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION, AND I HAD EARLIER ACCEPTED THIS
INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE. I HAVE NOW WRITTEN TO PETROVSKY
PROPOSING A ONE-WEEK VISIT FROM JUNE 10 TO 18. THE TEXT OF
THE LETTER IS AT PARAGRAPH 10. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF
YOU COULD HAVE IT DELIVERED TO PETROVSKY ON MY BEHALF. THE
ORIGINAL IS BEING SENT TO YOU VIA POUCH. WE HAVE INFORMED
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THE SOVIET EMBASSY OF MY PLANS.

2. I PLAN TO BRING MY SONS, MARK, 15, AND JOE, 13, THE
DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR HEALTH OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
RICHMOND, AND THREE OR FOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES. I COULD ALSO
BRING AN INTERPRETER, UNLESS YOU THINK IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO ARRANGE FOR ONE THROUGH THE EMBASSY. WE

WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE ON THE PAN AM FLIGHT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10 AT 3:40 P.M. I BELIEVE MY PROGRAM SHOULD BEGIN ON JUNE 12, LEAVING SUNDAY TO REST AFTER THE LONG FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON. WE WOULD DEPART ON THE PAN AM FLIGHT ON SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 18.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EXTEND COMPARABLE HOSPITALITY TO THAT PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS VISITS OF THIS KIND, I.E. PAY ALL IN-COUNTRY COSTS FOR PARTY, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAST RECIPROCAL PRACTICE BETWEEN HEW AND THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

4. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A FULL SCHEDULE WHILE IN THE USSR. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING PEOPLE AND VISITING INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED WITH THE US-USSR HEALTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

5. I WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO VISIT OTHER HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN OR OUTSIDE MOSCOW AS SUGGESTED BY THE EMBASSY OR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO OBTAIN GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SOVIET HEALTH SYSTEM. I AM ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING PLACES OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST, AND WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO VISIT LENINGRAD.

6. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH NON-HEALTH OFFICIALS
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IN VIEW OF MY BROADER DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

7. I WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASCERTAINING FROM SOVIETS PROBABLE EXTENT OF (A) PRESS COVERAGE AND CONFERENCES. WE WILL PREPARE A DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WILL BE POUCHED FOR EMBASSY COMMENT. (B) PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND NEED FOR OFFICIAL SPEECHES. (C) ANTICIPATED SOCIAL SCHEDULE. I WOULD PREFER TO MINIMIZE PURELY SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS, BUT I WILL WANT TO HOST A RECEPTION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FUNCTION, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

8. I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF A DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM FOR MY VISIT COULD BE PREPARED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE NAMES OF SOVIET OFFICIALS THE PARTY IS LIKELY TO MEET, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MY SONS WHEN APPROPRIATE. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT TO PARTICIPATE IN MOST OF MY PROGRAM.

9. I ASSUME THAT EMBASSY WILL HANDLE ALL NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THOMAS L.

JOHNS, MY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY ME AND BE
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY.

10. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

HIS EXCELLENCY BORIS V. PETROVSKY
MINISTER OF HEALTH
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

WHEN I WROTE TO YOU LAST MAY ACCEPTING YOUR VERY KIND
INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION, I SAID THAT I
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE TRIP THIS JUNE. ACCORDINGLY,
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I AM WRITING NOW TO PROPOSE THAT I ARRIVE ON JUNE 10
AND DEPART ON JUNE 18. IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO YOU,
OUR STAFFS CAN WORK OUT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO BRING MY SONS, MARK, 15, AND JOE, 13,
WITH ME, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR HEALTH
OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHMOND. IN ADDITION,
I WILL BRING THREE OR FOUR COLLEAGUES.

WE HOPE TO SEE AS MUCH OF YOUR COUNTRY AS POSSIBLE IN
THE TIME WE WILL HAVE. BESIDES MOSCOW, I SHOULD
PARTICULARLY LIKE TO VISIT LENINGRAD. WE WOULD LIKE TO
VISIT MEDICAL INSTALLATIONS, RESEARCH CENTERS, PLACES OF
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST, AND A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS
CONDUCTED UNDER OUR JOINT AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH COOPERATION.
I SHOULD ALSO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
COLLEAGUES IN YOUR GOVERNMENT WHO SHARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU, AND SHOULD APPRECIATE
ANY SUGGESTION YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO MY VISIT.
SINCERELY, JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR.

11. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY,
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